## Office of Public Instruction

## General Educational Development (GED) and Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) Programs

The OPI's division of Career, Technical and Adult Education is responsible for the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) and General Educational Development (GED) programs. The OPI supports 21 ABLE programs located throughout the state. These programs serve between 5,000 and 6,000 adults aged 16 and older every year, including adults at the Montana State Prison and the Women's Prison. The ABLE programs:

- Oversee contracts with 21 centers across Montana to provide Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) services and 22 General Educational Development (GED) testing centers;
- Ensure all GED testing centers are in compliance with the American Council on Education regulations;
- Ensure local program centers offer the following high quality Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) services:
  - providing basic education skills development,
  - preparing adults for obtaining a GED,
  - teaching employment readiness,
  - conducting English As a Second Language instruction, and
  - assisting in college preparation;
- Process over 3,000 GED tests annually; and
- Mail over 3,500 GED duplicate transcripts used by individuals for application to the military, postsecondary education, and employment.